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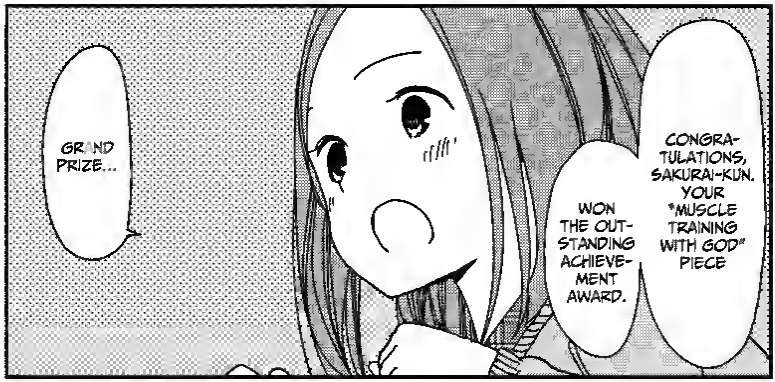


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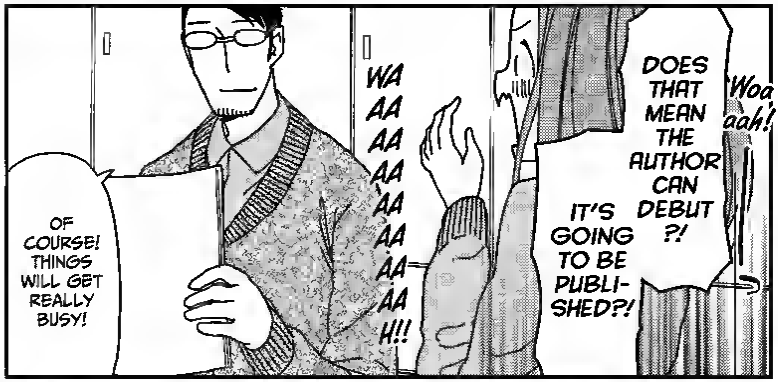
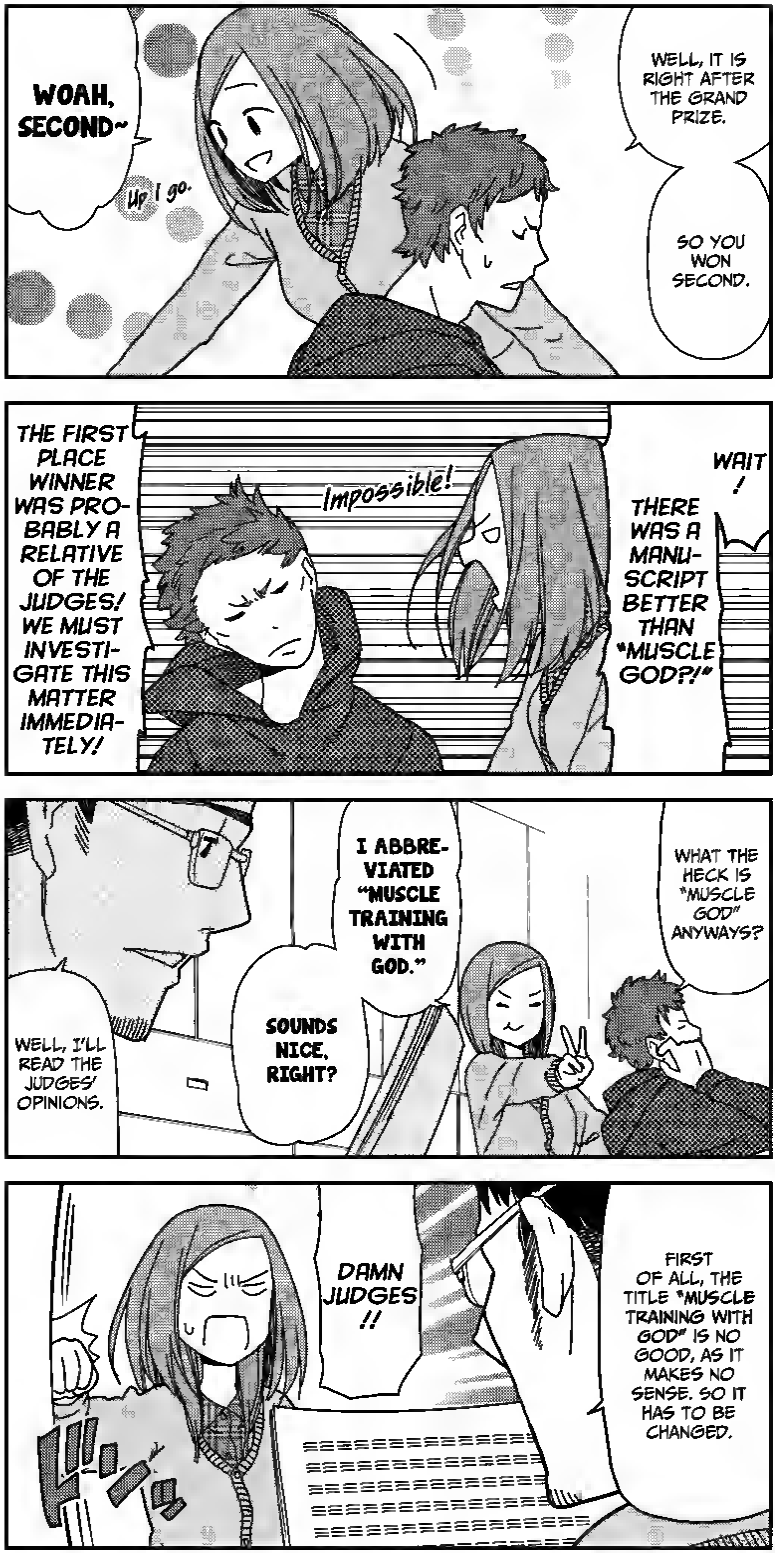
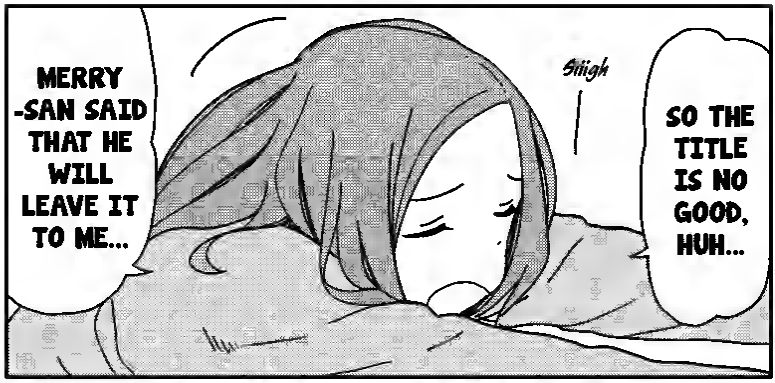

DOES THAT MEAN THE AUTHOR CAN DEBUT?!
IT'S GOING TO BE PUBLISHED?!
Woaaah!
WAAA

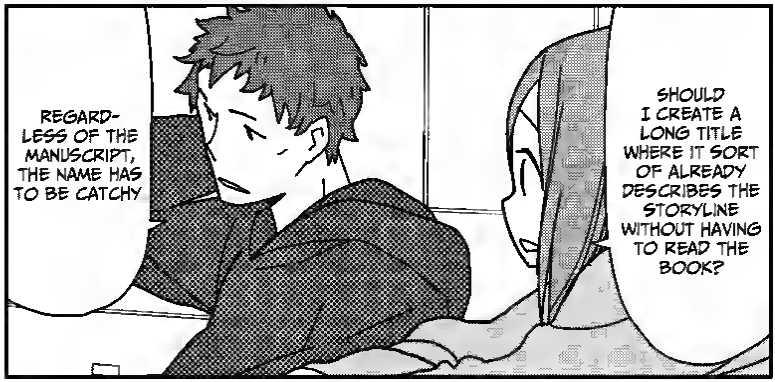

WOAH, SECOND~
Up I go.
WELL, IT IS RIGHT AFTER THE GRAND PRIZE.
SO YOU WON SECOND.
FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS NO GOOD
THE FIRST PLACE WINNER WAS PROBABLY A RELATIVE OF THE JUDGES! WE MUST INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY!
Impossible!
WAIT!
THERE WAS A MANUSCRIPT BETTER THAN "MUSCLE GOD?!"
WELL, I'LL READ THE JUDGES' OPINIONS.
SOUNDS NICE, RIGHT?
I ABBREVIATED "MUSCLE TRAINING WITH GOD."
WHAT THE HECK IS "MUSCLE GOD" ANYWAYS?
DAMN JUDGES!!
FIRST OF ALL, THE TITLE "MUSCLE TRAINING WITH GOD" IS NO GOOD, AS IT MAKES NO SENSE. SO IT HAS TO BE CHANGED.

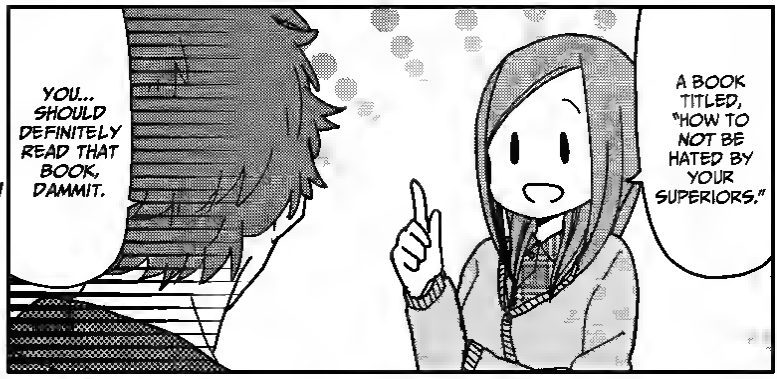
WE'VE FINISHED THE RAGNAROK (NEW AUTHOR AWARD) AND HAVE COLLECTED OUR WINNINGS (AWARD).
AND SO, OH MERRY.
C-CUSTOMER...
YOU MUST HONE (IMPROVE) YOUR SKILLS (MANUSCRIPT).
USING THE TEACHINGS (OPINIONS) OF THE ANCIENT SAGES (JUDGES)
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE NEXT GENE-RATION (PUBLISHED WORKS).
EXCUSE ME!
YOUR NAME SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE WORLD (BOOK-STORES)!
ONCE WE HAVE GATHERED (GOTTEN) MORE ALLIES (ILLUST-RATOR)
CUS TOM ER !!!!
YES, MILORD.
THE WHEELS ARE TURNING! BADUMP! MERRY-GO-ROUND!

THIS STYLE QUITE SUITS HER

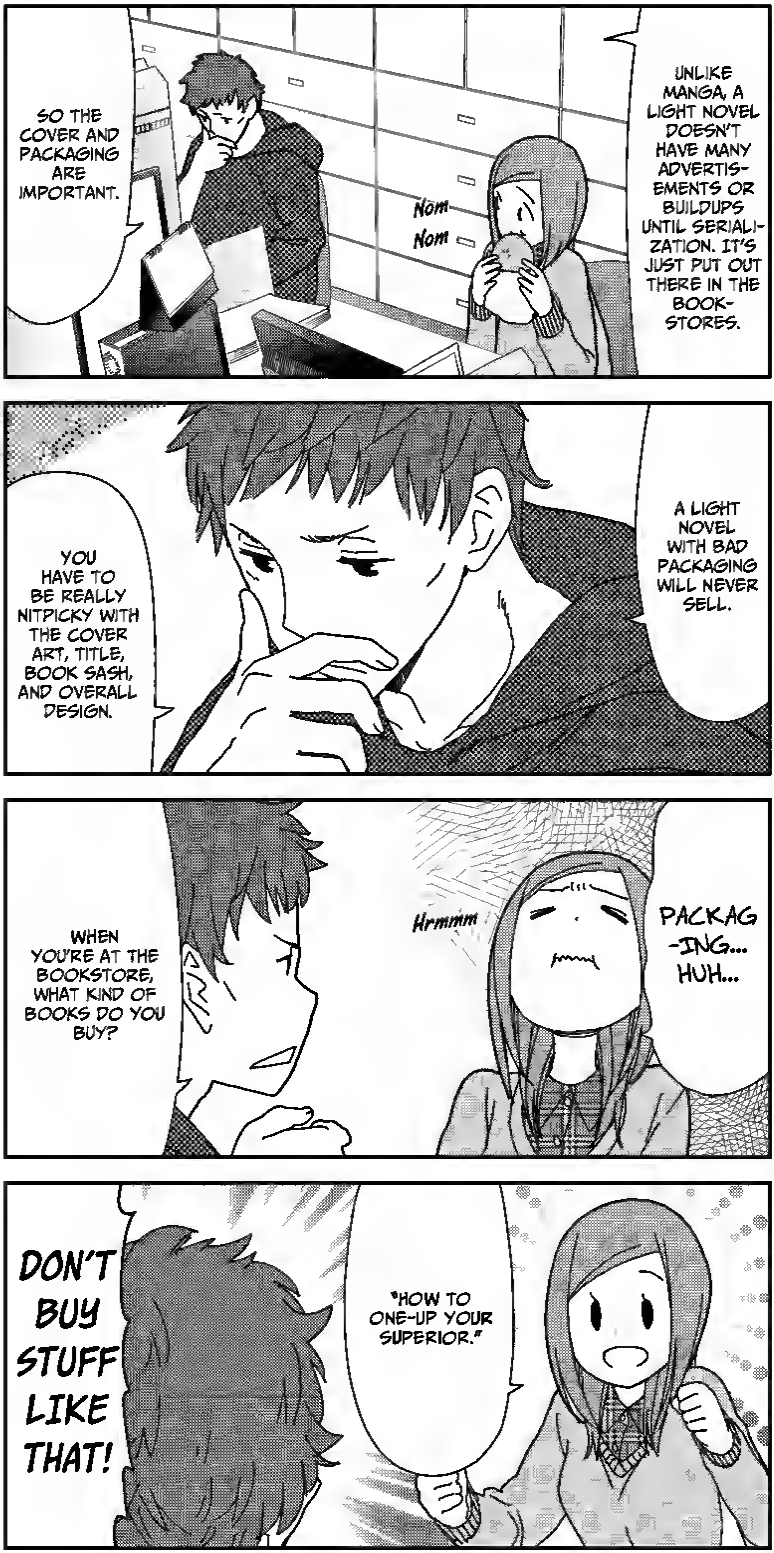
# IT DOES CATCH HER EYE



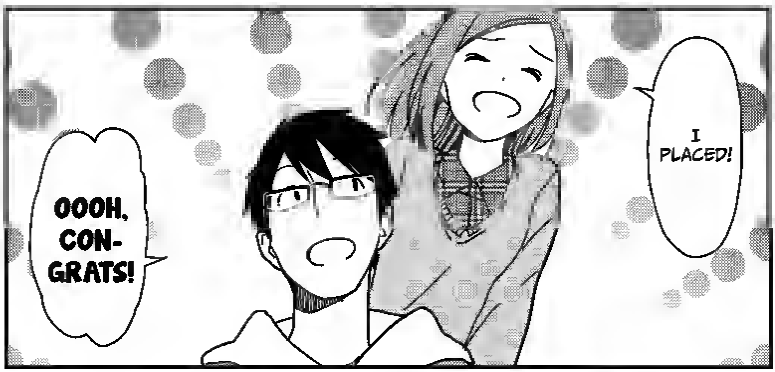


REGARDLESS OF THE MANUSCRIPT, THE NAME HAS TO BE CATCHY
SHOULD I CREATE A LONG TITLE WHERE IT SORT OF ALREADY DESCRIBES THE STORYLINE WITHOUT HAVING TO READ THE BOOK?

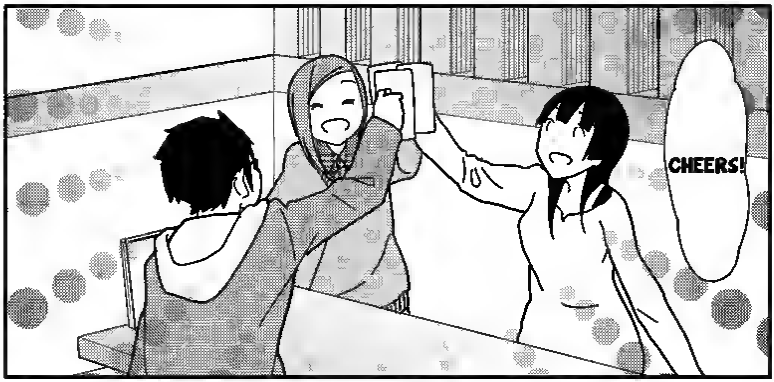



Even if she does, it probably won't change a thing.

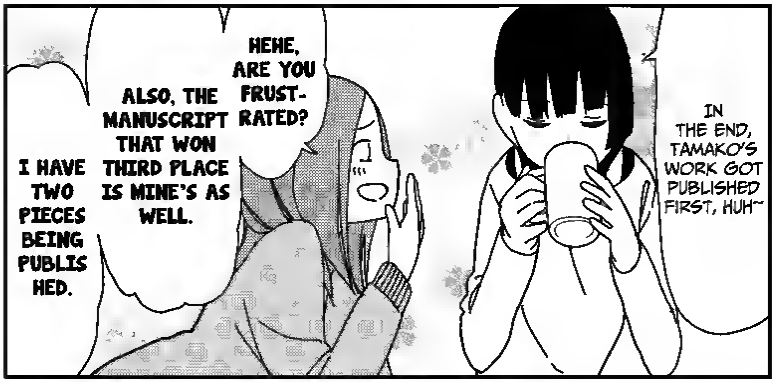

SO THE COVER AND PACKAGING ARE IMPORTANT.
Nom Nom
UNLIKE MANGA, A LIGHT NOVEL DOESN'T HAVE MANY ADVERTISEMENTS OR BUILDUPS UNTIL SERIALIZATION. IT'S JUST PUT OUT THERE IN THE BOOKSTORES.
YOU HAVE TO BE REALLY NITPICKY WITH THE COVER ART, TITLE, BOOK SASH, AND OVERALL DESIGN.
A LIGHT NOVEL WITH BAD PACKAGING WILL NEVER SELL.
WHEN YOU'RE AT THE BOOKSTORE, WHAT KIND OF BOOKS DO YOU BUY?
Hrmmm
PACKAG -ING... HUH...
DON'T BUY STUFF LIKE THAT!
"HOW TO ONE-UP YOUR SUPERIOR."

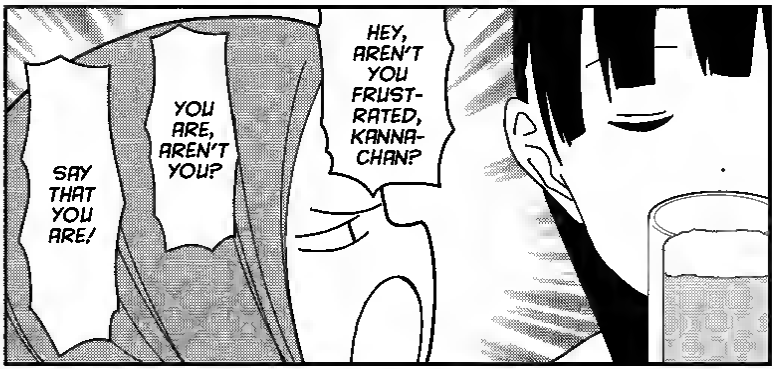
FOR NOW, LET'S CELEB RATE

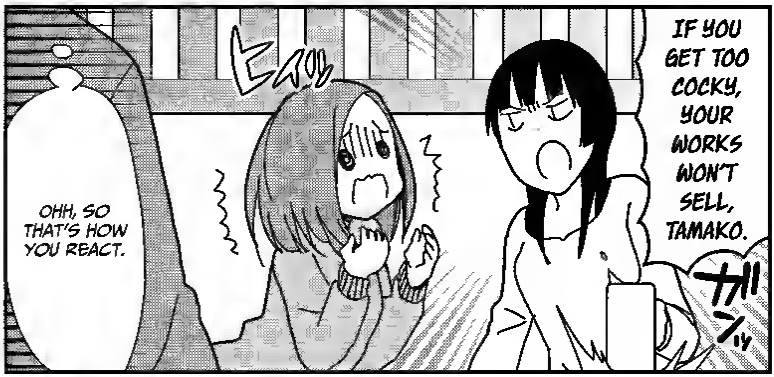





SHE'S GOOD AT CONTROL LING HER


IN THE END, TAMAKO'S WORK GOT PUBLISHED FIRST, HUH~
HEHE, ARE YOU FRUST-RATED?
ALSO, THE MANUSCRIPT THAT WON THIRD PLACE IS MINE'S AS WELL.
I HAVE TWO PIECES BEING PUBLIS HED.



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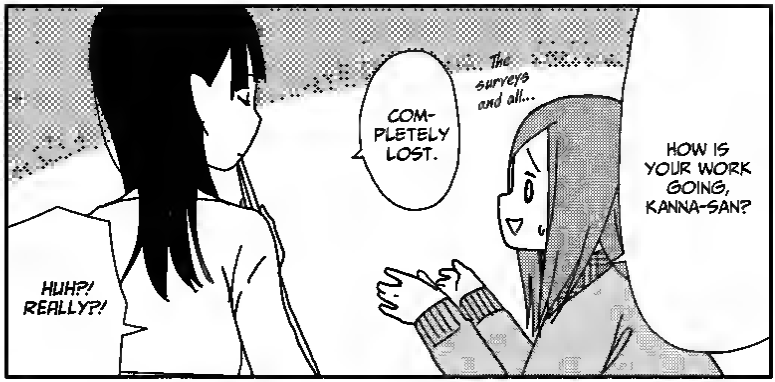
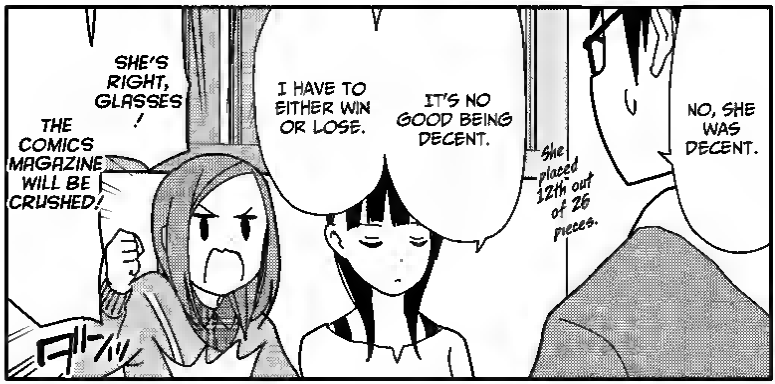
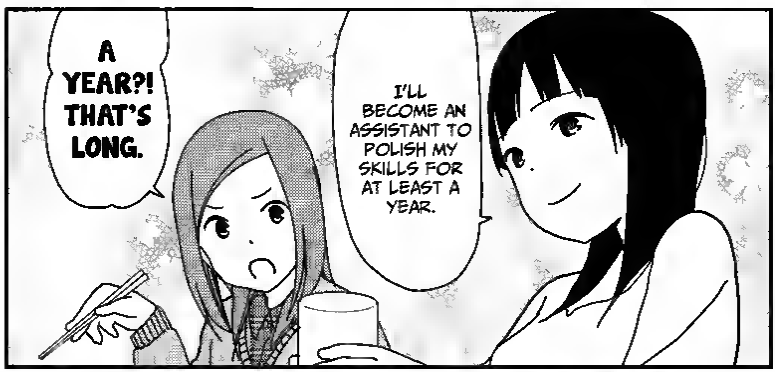
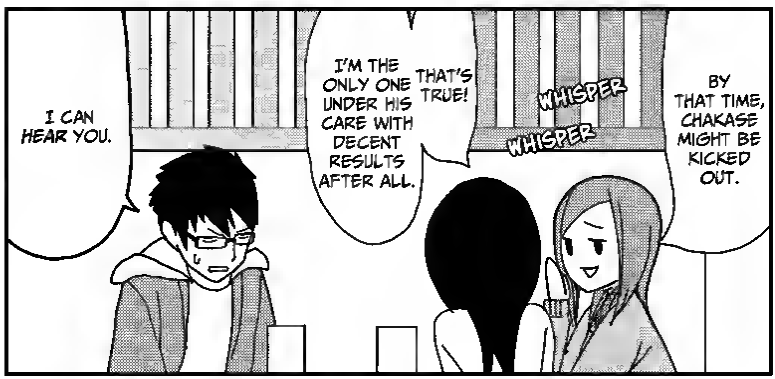




NO, SHE WAS DECENT.
She placed 12th out of 26 pieces.
IT'S NO GOOD BEING DECENT.
I HAVE TO EITHER WIN OR LOSE.
SHE'S RIGHT, GLASSES!
THE COMICS MAGAZINE WILL BE CRUSHED!

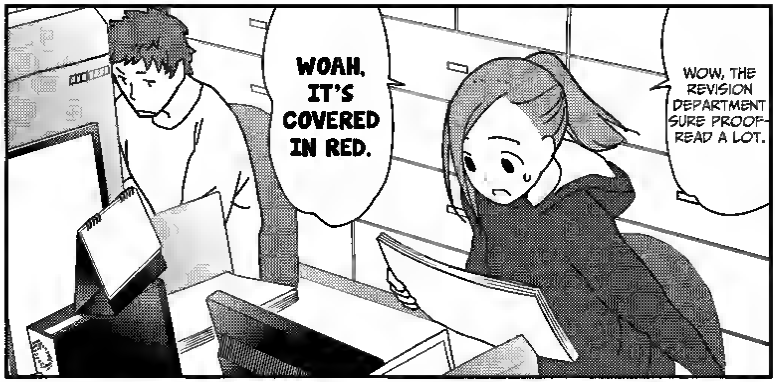


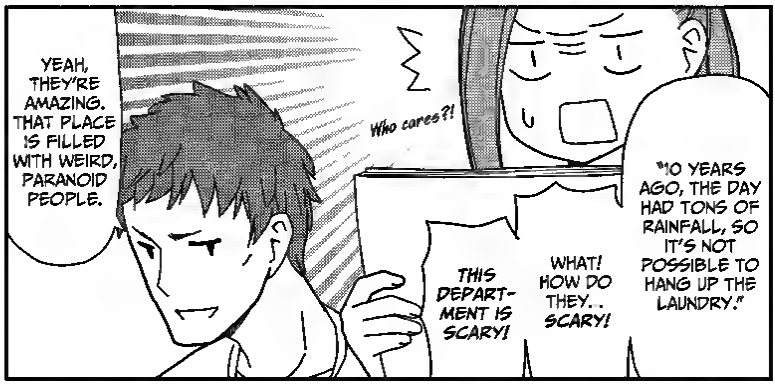


BY THAT TIME, CHAKASE MIGHT BE KICKED OUT.
WHISPER
WHISPER
I'M THE ONLY ONE UNDER HIS CARE WITH DECENT RESULTS AFTER ALL.
THAT'S TRUE!
I CAN HEAR YOU.

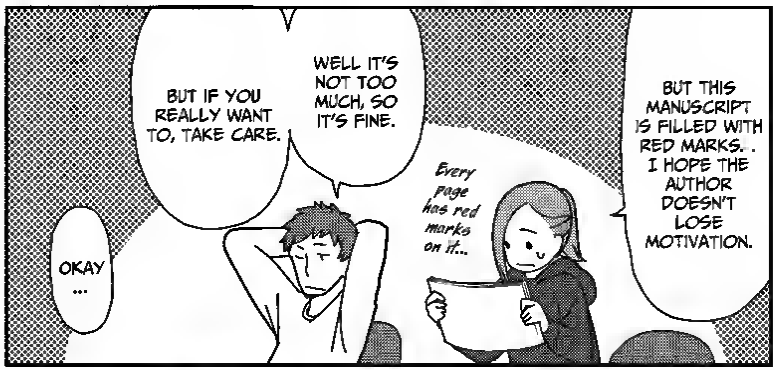
If you're going to trash talk, do it loudly and proudly.

# TAMAKO'S WAY OF TAKING CARE

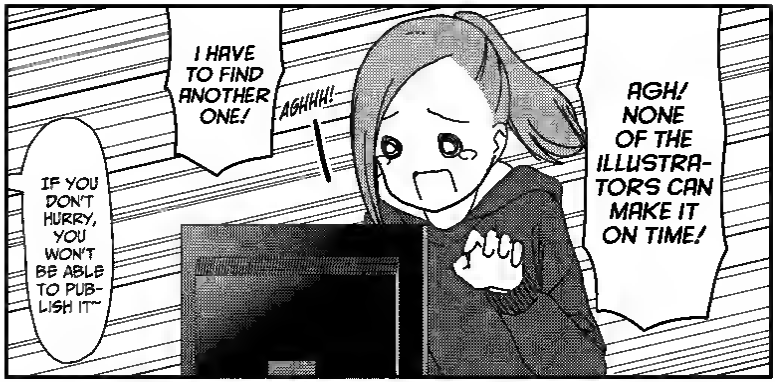
This department is filled with people who proofread manuscripts, and are extremely nitpicky. They make sure that there are no incoherencies or mistakes

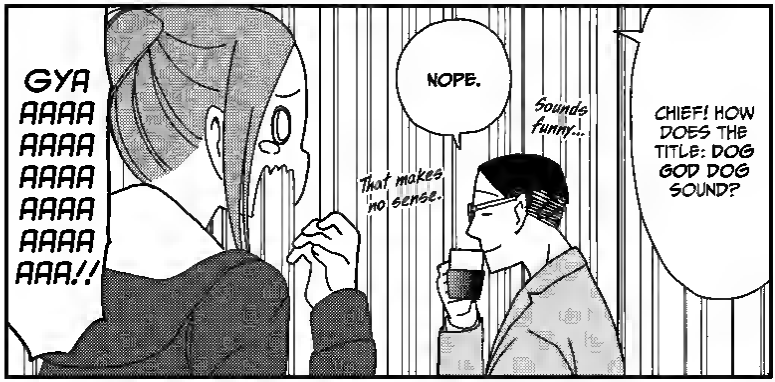


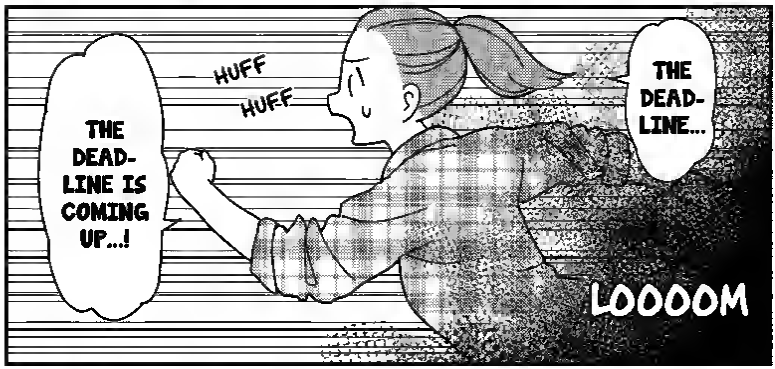


YEAH, THEY'RE AMAZING. THAT PLACE IS FILLED WITH WEIRD, PARANOID PEOPLE.
Who cares?!
"10 YEARS AGO, THE DAY HAD TONS OF RAINFALL, SO IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO HANG UP THE LAUNDRY."
THIS DEPARTMENT IS SCARY!
WHAT! HOW DO THEY.. SCARY!

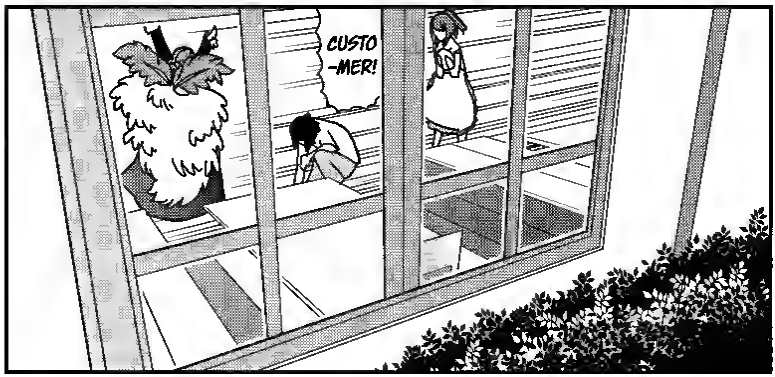

BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, TAKE CARE.
WELL IT'S NOT TOO MUCH, SO IT'S FINE.
OKAY ...
Every page has red marks on it...
BUT THIS MANUSCRIPT IS FILLED WITH RED MARKS.. I HOPE THE AUTHOR DOESN'T LOSE MOTIVATION.

# THE LAST RUSH


AGH! NONE OF THE ILLUSTRATORS CAN MAKE IT ON TIME!
AGHHH!
I HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER ONE!
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PUBLISH IT~




How much do these costumes cost?

# A PLAN TO STAY ALIVE

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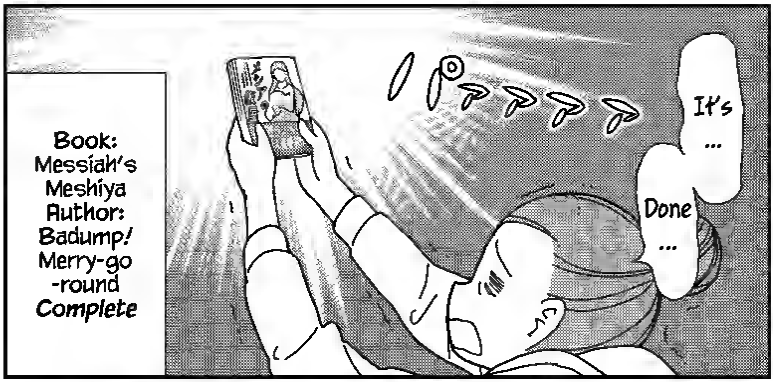


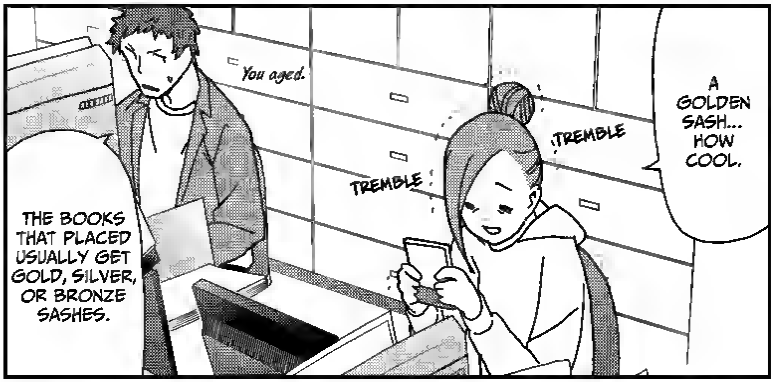

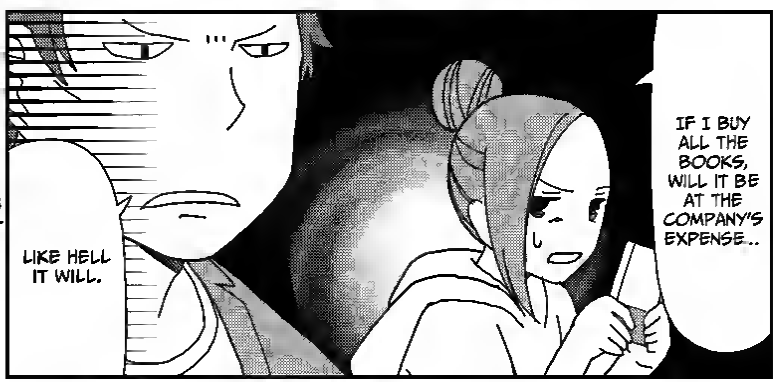


Finally, the published work is an egg filled with dreams and enveloped in a golden sash!

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